DEMAND OF CASH SECURITIES FROM THE AYURVEDIC PRACTITIONERS FOR THE GRANT OF LICENCE IN FORM No. L-3 IN SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT.

*Q.—422. Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Officers of the State Excise Department in South Kanara District demand a cash security of Rs. 200 from Ayurvedic Practitioners for the grant of licence in Form No. L-3 under the Medicinal and Toilet Preparations Act, 1956;

(*b*) if so, under what provision of law, this demand is being made;

(*c*) the number of applications rejected for non-compliance of this demand?

*A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Excise, Prohibition and Rural Industries .—

(*a*) Yes, A cash security ranging from Rs. 25-200 is demanded for grant of licence in Form No. L-3.

(*b*) Under Rule 96 of M. & T.P. Rules.

(*c*) None so far.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Answer to question (*a*) is not clear. Is it not a fact that the Excise Officers have been invariably demanding Rs. 200 from Ayurvedic practitioners for issuing licence?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The security demanded ranges from Rs. 25 to 200. I am not aware if the Excise Officers are demanding Rs. 200 in all cases. It is left to the discretion of the Licensing Officers.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Under Section 6 of the Act itself, these people are Ayurvedic practitioners and not manufacturers. Hence is the Government entitled to demand security from them?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Under rule 296, Government is entitled to demand security.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Is it not a fact that under the Schedule of the Act itself, Ayurvedic practitioners producing self-generating alchohol which are not capable of being consumed as ordinary alchohol beverages, is exempt from any taxation or licence fees ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I would invite the attention of the Hon'ble Member to rule 96 of the Manual of Medicine and Toilet Preparations which is a Central enactment, under which we are entitle to demand security. This is a general rule.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—My contention is that rule 96 cannot supercede the Schedule of the act under which certain exemptions have been given to Ayurvedic practitioners. Rule 96 applies to persons who make alchoholic preparations for sale.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—We are not levying any excise duty on such preparations. We are demanding only security under rule 96. We have also received clarification from the Government of India that the State Government is entitled to demand security from practitioners who are manufacturing these preparations for use in their dispensaries.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—May I know how many applications for licences were received and how many were granted in South Kanara?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I require notice.

MAINTENANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT POULTRY FARM AT HESSARGHATTA DURING 1959 AND 1960.

*Q.—506. Sri F. W. CORBETT (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of head poultry in the Government Poultry Farm at Hessarghatta during the years 1959 and 1960 each year separately ;

(*b*) the number of eggs and of chickens produced in the Farm during 1959 and 1960, each year separately ;

(*c*) the amount realised on the sale of eggs and birds during each of these years ;

(*d*) the total cost of maintaining this Farm during each of these years (the cost of feeding and the cost of salaries and wages to be given separately) ?

A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture and Social Welfare).—

		1959	1960
(*a*)		9,039	13,794
(*b*)	Eggs.	1,15,398	2,49,612
	Chickens.	22.465	39,104
(*c*)		Rs. 74,657-14	Rs. 1,56,309-34
(*d*)		Rs. 1,14,317-30	Rs. 1,47,791-87

	Details	Rs.	Rs.
1.	Pay of Officers ...	2,862-64	773-59
2.	Pay of Establishment ...	11,224-21	12,080-71
3.	Dearness allowance ...	7,059-52	8,865-34
4.	Travelling allowance ...	1,445-98	2,010-79
5.	Contingencies ...	496-13	1,482-30
6.	Other charges including food, labour wages, power and lighting and miscellaneous charges ...	91,208-82	1,22,579-14
	Total...	1,14,317-30	1,47,791-87